

II. EPCRA Section 313/PPA Section 6607 Proposed Rulemaking

In 1986, Congress enacted the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). In 1990, Congress passed the Pollution Prevention Act. Section 313 of EPCRA and section 6607 of PPA require certain businesses to submit reports each year on the amounts of toxic chemicals their facilities release and otherwise manage as waste. The purpose of these requirements is to inform the public, government officials, and industry about releases and other quantities managed as waste in their communities.

Currently, the EPCRA section 313 reporting thresholds are 25,000 pounds for the "manufacture" or "processing" of a toxic chemical and 10,000 pounds for the "otherwise use" of a toxic chemical. On January 5, 1999 (64 FR 688) (FRL-6032-3), EPA proposed: (1) To lower the reporting thresholds for certain PBT chemicals that are subject to EPCRA section 313 and PPA section 6607; (2) to lower the reporting thresholds for dioxin and dioxin-like compounds, which were previously proposed for addition to the EPCRA section 313 list of toxic chemicals; and (3) to add certain PBT chemicals to the EPCRA section 313 list of toxic chemicals. The Agency also presented persistence and bioaccumulation criteria in the proposed rule. These public meetings are being scheduled in order to provide a forum for dialog to be shared by EPA, potentially affected industry groups, and the public about the basis of EPA's proposed action, options provided, and potential impacts and benefits.

III. Notice of Public Meeting

This Notice announces the Agency's intention to hold six public meetings to receive comments on both the PBT Strategy (including the Mercury Action Plan) and the EPCRA section 313 proposed rule. EPA planned these public meetings to cover these related actions because it believes that the same individuals are likely to want to comment on both. Therefore the public meetings have been scheduled such that comment on the PBT Strategy may be provided in the morning and comment on the EPCRA section 313 proposed rule may be provided in the afternoon. Oral statements will be scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis by calling the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Hotline at the numbers listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. All statements will be part of the public record.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Community right-to-know.

Dated: January 19, 1999.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6224-4]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

ACTION: Proposal of CERCLA section 122(h)(1) administrative cost recovery settlement for the Uniroyal Hill Street Site.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") proposes to address the potential liability of the Uniroyal Technology Corporation (the "Settling Party") by execution of a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") section 122(h)(1) Administrative Order on Consent prepared pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1) (the "Agreement"). The Agreement provides the Settling Party certain covenants not to sue under CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, as amended, and section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6973, as amended, with respect to the Uniroyal Hill Street Site (the "Site"), located in Mishawaka, Indiana. The key terms and conditions of the Agreement may be briefly summarized as follows: (1) The Settling Party agrees to pay \$525,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund in satisfaction of U.S. EPA's allowed general unsecured claim of \$1,750,000; (2) the Settling Party agrees not to assert any claims or causes of action against the United States, or its contractors or employees, with respect to the Site or the Agreement; (3) Subject to the reservations specified in the Agreement, U.S. EPA affords the Settling Party a covenant not to sue for recovery of response costs pursuant to section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), liability for injunctive relief or administrative order enforcement pursuant to section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606, liability for injunctive relief pursuant to section

7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6973, and contribution protection as provided by CERCLA sections 113(f)(2) and 122(h)(4), 42 U.S.C. 9613(f)(2) and 9622(h)(4), conditioned upon satisfaction of obligations under the Agreement. The Site is not on the NPL. The Agreement was signed by the Acting Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA, Region 5, on January 12, 1999.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed Agreement must be received by February 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The proposed Agreement and the U.S. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at U.S. EPA Records Center Room 714, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. A copy of the proposed Agreement may be obtained from U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Comments should reference the Uniroyal Hill Street Site, Mishawaka, Indiana, and U.S. EPA Docket No. V-W-99-C-526 and should be addressed to Ms. Hedi Bogda-Cleveland, U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Hedi Bogda-Cleveland, U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, at (312) 886-5825.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Environmental Assessment on the Proposed Reissuance of General Permits for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment on environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: The Regional Administrator of EPA Region 6 has preliminarily determined that reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits authorizing discharges from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) in Texas (TXG800000, TXG810000), Oklahoma